

permitting Ameritech to litigate its way out of statutory provisions with measured periods of applicability.

Finally, Ameritech's filing of its Petition gives the Commission another compelling reason for issuing a ruling on all pending enforcement actions initiated by AICC against Ameritech immediately. Ameritech's Petition amounts to an admission that its recent alarm monitoring acquisitions violate Section 275(a). If this was not the case, Ameritech would have no reason to ask the Commission to forbear. Accordingly, AICC respectfully requests that the Commission promptly issue a ruling in all pending Section 275 enforcement matters against Ameritech, finding that Ameritech has violated Section 275(a) and must divest all unlawfully acquired alarm monitoring assets promptly. Moreover, the Commission should precondition its consideration of any merger application filed by Ameritech on completion of that divestiture.<sup>47</sup>

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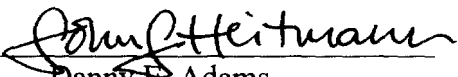
<sup>47</sup> SBC Communications, Inc.'s proposed merger with Ameritech would necessitate that such a divestiture be followed by a spin-off or sale of Ameritech's entire SecurityLink subsidiary.

**Conclusion**

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Commission should (1) promptly deny Ameritech's Petition to Forbear, (2) promptly grant AICC's motions for enforcement of Section 275(a) against Ameritech, and (3) order Ameritech to divest its illegally acquired alarm monitoring assets immediately.

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